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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. BOX 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2004, in which the Examiner has set a 30-day shortened statutory period for response. This Response is being filed within the 30-day shortened statutory period set therefor.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to an extrusion apparatus; or
- Π. Claims 8-9, drawn to a method of extruding.

In view of the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I, comprising claims 1-7, with traverse. This election is being made without prejudice to the filing of one or more continuation and/or divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions or any other subject matter of this application.

No additional fees are believed to be required. In the event that an additional fee is required with respect to this communication, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3405.

Respectfully submitted,

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